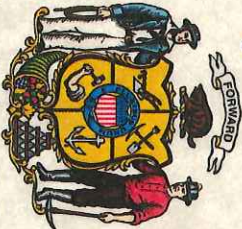


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, across Wisconsin and across the nation, people in homes, businesses, hospitals, churches, schools, and other public buildings rely on electric power, natural gas, and telecommunications services to keep the lights on, buildings heated, and emergency communications available; and

WHEREAS, our nation's electric and natural gas systems must be maintained and operational 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year despite inclement weather, hurricanes, tornados, and other natural disasters, and this vital service is performed by skilled men and women who brave harsh elements to keep the power on; and

WHEREAS, reliable telecommunications and data services are integral to the health and safety of the public, as first responders use these services to save lives, and telecommunications utility workers are often on the front lines during a storm in order to restore communications services as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's utility workers have demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication by stepping up in the face of dangerous conditions, most recently, in response to "Superstorm Sandy," when utility workers from across the state left home for weeks at a time or took on additional duties in order to ensure our fellow Americans had services restored as soon as possible after the devastating storm;

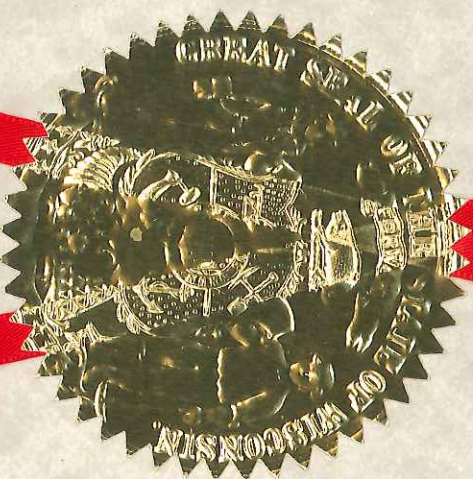
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim Friday, December 14, 2012, as

## UTILITY WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.  
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Walker".  
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SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State